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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PORT-AU-PRINCE PRESS REPORTED
OVER LAST WEEKEND SERGE CHARLES' FEBRUARY 14, 1977
NOMINATION BY PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAULDE DUVALIER AS HAITI'S
NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT UNITED NATIONS.
CURRICULUM VITAE ACCOMPANYING ANNOUNCEMENT INCLUDES
SOME PREVIOUSLY UNAVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON
CHARLES AND WE ARE REPORTING FULL TEXT IN FOLLOWING
PARAGRAPH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: BORN IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AUGUST 19, 1941.
PRIMARY EDUCATION AT JEAN MARIE GUILLOUX. SECONDARY
EDUCATION AT LYCEE ALEXANDRE PETION. ENTERED HAITIAN
MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1959 AND GRADUATED IN 1961 AS
SECOND LIEUTENANT IN HAITIAN ARMED FORCES. TRANSFERRED
TO COAST GUARD WHERE HE SERVED ELEVEN YEARS (COMMENT:
HE WAS OBVIOUSLY ON LEAVE MUCH OF THIS TIME).
STUDIED AT THE FACULTY OF LAW IN PORT-AU-PRINCE
(1963-66). OBTAINED MASTERS DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL
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LAW AFTER THREE YEARS' STUDY AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
(1969-72). RETURNED TO HAITI WHERE HE TAUGHT "THE
LAW OF WAR" AT THE HAITIAN MILITARY ACADEMY. NAMED
LEGAL COUNSELOR OF HAITIAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE
UN IN 1972 AND MEMBER OF HAITIAN DELEGATION TO 27TH,
28TH, 29TH AND 30TH UNGA'S. HAITIAN DELEGATE TO THIRD
UN CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEAS. LEGAL COUNSELOR OF

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MINERAL RESOURCES (INAREM) SINCE 1975. DELEGATE TO THE 2ND AND 3RD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION. END TEXT. NOT INCLUDED IN THIS ACCOUNTING IS CHARLES' MARRIAGE ON JULY 30, 1975 TO YARDLEY BEAGUE, A HAITIAN-EDUCATED PHYSICIAN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. CHARLES IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. HE HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND IS OTHERWISE WELL-CONNECTED. (HIS BROTHER FRANCIS IS A PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE LT. COL. IN THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, WHO ALSO SERVES AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE). SERGE CHARLES MOVES WITH CONFIDENCE AND EFFICIENCY AND IS ONE OF THE FEW SENIOR HAITIAN OFFICIALS WHO UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION TO BEING HIS GOVERNMENT'S LEADING EXPERT ON LAW OF THE SEA, HE IS ALSO INFLUENTIAL IN MATTERS OF OIL EXPLORATION AND MINERAL RESOURCE POLICY. THE APPOINTMENT IS A GOOD ONE. WE BELIEVE CHARLES WILL WORK WELL WITH USUN (WHERE HE ALREADY HAS GOOD CONTACTS) AND WILL INTERPRET OUR POLICY POSITIONS TO GOH, E.G. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IN CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION. ISHAM

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